

Dance-a-thon Raises \$30,000

FAT TUESDAY IS COMING

by Gregory Kraemer

March 3, 1984: that's the day of the 3rd annual Mardi Gras which is to be held in the cafeteria at Bishop Ford High School. It is sponsored by the Foreign Language Club and guaranteed to be lots of fun. The idea of the Mardi Gras is to create a carnival-like atmosphere with an international buffet with every imaginable dish, international music, and festive decorations made by the Foreign Language Club. People are encouraged to come dressed in costumes for which there will be prizes awarded. The main activity of the evening will be dancing to about 12:00 midnight, with a live D.J. The surprise of the evening will be the unveiling of the pinata, which is supposed to be a great mystery!

Finally, the Mardi Gras is open to people of all ages. It will be held from 7:30 p.m. to midnight, and the cost is \$4.00 per ticket. Hope to see you there!



Dance Fever!



Why aren't these kids dancing?

by Josephine Diorio

The Falcons once again proved they're number one on the weekend of January 27 and 28 when they raised \$30,002 for MDA in the 4th Annual Dance-a-thon. The Falcons put on their dancing shoes and headed onto the dance floor at 7:00 p.m. on Friday and danced for 24 hours, raising the most money ever and putting Bishop Ford on top of the charts for the most money ever raised by a high school.

The cafeteria was transformed into a dance hall for the very festive occasion, thanks to all the workers. The festivities were kicked off with each dancer announcing his name into a microphone and then entering onto the dance floor. The first song was played and soon the Falcons were covered with a rainbow of balloons. Among the dancers were six teachers and one principal, the legendary Brother Michael Bettigole.

About 229 Falcons came to dance in the Dance-a-thon; it was not the biggest crowd we have ever had but certainly the liveliest bunch. They were joined and cheered by Frankie Falcon and our cute and cuddly friend, Sad Sam.

There was certainly a variety of dancing, most of which fell into no special category, including a unique style known as break dancing. At times when you thought the Falcons were ready to drop, a song like 'Shout' came on and pumped each one full of energy that was truly explosive. The dancers went crazy and the seniors, especially, went wild! Another song, "Paradise" by Meatloaf, gave Elaine Martinelli and Marty Maher something to sing about.

At four in the morning everyone trooped up to the gym for a four-hour sleep period. After breakfast the Falcons were back on the floor, dancing by eight. To start the blood moving, Miss McGee instructed us in aerobics, which got the dancers back and into the groove. Brother Michel put all the Falcons to shame by proving that he could do the aerobics. Soon the enthusiasm was back



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Ford First For MDA

Tommy Makem and Liam Clancy will be appearing in Concert at Bishop Ford Theatre, Bishop Ford High School, Saturday, March 17th. Tickets are \$10 and \$8 for reserved seating. Concert will start at 8 P.M. It will be followed by an Irish Dance in the Cafeteria. For information please call 965-6418.



Gotta Boogie!



Only 23 hours to go!

and the Falcons were ready to finish what they had begun. While the dancers were dancing, Mr. Campanaro was happy to announce that Channel 4 News was on its way to Ford. Mr. Campanaro always wanted the cameramen to come and show what Ford students do for the community, and this couldn't have been a better time. The dancers went wild with their second wind, and the camera soaked it all up. Anyone who saw the Channel 4 News at six o'clock knows that the Bishop Ford Dance-a-thon was a total success. During all the confusion I went up to Mr. Campanaro and asked him how he felt about this Dance-a-thon. He said, "This was the best Ford marathon

ever. It will be the standard by which we measure all future marathons."

After dinner the dancers gathered around the stage where they met an alumnus of Ford, Kevin Holmes, and his son, Donovan, who has muscular dystrophy. He thanked all the dancers. Certificates from M.D.A. were given to all dancers and workers, and Mrs. Rollo, called affectionately "Mom" by all the dancers, received four dozen roses, each dozen in a different color, symbolizing the Dance-a-thons she has worked on.

The final hour of dancing was upon us, and all the dancers were energetic and roaring; more balloons floated

down and you could feel the energy circulating. To top it all off, "Shout" came on once again and the night ended with Frank Sinatra's "New York, New York." Many seniors got very emotional, for this would be the last of their dancing for Bishop Ford.

For others, this was only the beginning.

**Second Healing Mass
At BISHOP FORD H.S.
Monday, 12 March 1984
7:30 P.M.—Auditorium
Father Dennis Kelleher
Sponsored by
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Religion Department**

TOUGH ROAD AHEAD

by Carolyn Dopman

This year the girls' varsity basketball team is moving up to a tougher division. Practically every team in the division means a game that shouldn't be taken lightly, some of the tougher teams being Bishop Kearney, Christ the King, and St. Saviour.

Opening the season with a fine victory against defending division champions, Bishop Kearney, the girls showed what they were really made of.

Led by Captains Eileen Cole, Carolyn Dopman and Carolyn Barna, the girls hope to have a successful season and to do well in the playoffs.

PRESSING FOR FREEDOM

by Jeremiah Hester

Freedom of the press has always been a staple of democracy. In order to maintain true democracy, a free press must function. It is a concept that we, as Americans, hold very dear. It is a concept for which men have fought and died.

When considering the idea of a free press, it is important to remember the adage, "You can't always believe what you read." When people read something, they should look at it from an objective point of view. They must take into account such factors as the writer's frame of reference and his possible prejudices or biases. By considering many different viewpoints with an open mind, the reader can form an intelligent, well-rounded opinion.

When President Reagan barred the press from covering the Grenada invasion, he deprived us of the chance to consider a variety of view points. In doing this, he made a mockery of the idea of a free press.

The President cited the covert nature of the operation as the rationale behind his infringement upon our liberties. He felt that if the press had been told of his plans, word of the invasion might have leaked out. The President reasoned that informing the press would have posed a threat to national security. But, as Senator Paul E. Tsongas recently said, "You can take the national security argument to the point where you have no free press."

Reagan's argument has a flaw in it. The press has been told beforehand of similar operations in the past, most notably, D Day. In virtually every case, the press acted in a most responsible manner. By barring the press from Grenada, Reagan not only enraged the American people, but he alienated the press, making his administration's already shaky relationship with the media even shakier.

Reagan's true motivation for his decision can be attributed to fear of the power the press has over public opinion. During the Vietnam War the press played a major role in shaping public opinion. The extensive press coverage let every American see what war was really like, without even having to leave their living rooms. This helped set public opinion against the war and was a major factor in its eventual end. Reagan was afraid that extensive coverage of the Grenada invasion would set public opinion against him.

Reagan's attitude that the American people are just "civilians" and, when it comes to the military, "what we don't know won't hurt us," is dangerous policy. While he is trying to "protect" us from the evils of the world, he is depriving us of our undeniable right to a free press, thus endangering our beloved democracy.

Retreat Program Surges Ahead

by Andrew Renna

A new program coordinated by Bro. Justin has begun this year and seems to be doing very well. This program, the Junior Retreat Program, enables juniors to take a day off from school and go to the retreat house located in Oyster Bay, Long Island. The purpose of the retreat is simple: to provide a relaxed environment in which a person can find him or herself and become closer to God.

The retreat begins with a long, 45-minute bus ride to the retreat house, which is in an isolated, rural area outside of Oyster Bay. Upon arrival you are given time to have donuts and coffee or just to take in the sights.

You are directed to an enclosed porch where there is an open-for-questions group discussion. After the discussion the group is broken into smaller groups in which you can just sit and think or talk with your friends.

Next you have lunch and some free time in which you can explore the huge area around the retreat house or play football.

After the free time you are called into the chapel for a mass. You are then loaded back on the bus for the long trip home.

In my opinion, the retreat program is very good because it gives us a break from the regular routine of school.

Ford's Annual Talent Show will take place on March 3. For more information, stop by the Student Activities Office.

Athletes Begin New Tradition

by Martin Brennan

Bishop Ford has been developing a tradition for excellence in athletics. Two teams that exemplify this new tradition are the varsity soccer team and the girls' varsity volleyball team.

For the past two years these teams have been the dominant forces in their divisions and have also been successful in interdivision play. The soccer team's regular season record for the past two years is 21-7. They have lost but one game in the Brooklyn Division. During this time they have won successive Brooklyn titles. Last season the team knocked off undefeated Holy Cross to capture the Brooklyn-Queens title.

Although the team failed to recapture the Brooklyn-Queens title, they did manage to advance to the semifinals of the city championships. Here they were eliminated by Xavier in a controversial five-minute overtime period. However, with the vast majority of its starters returning next year, the team is looking forward to revenging these losses and winning more championships.

Despite the accomplishments of the soccer team, this year's spotlight most brightly shines

on the volleyball team. Last season the team won the Brooklyn Championship, and this season the Lady Falcons captured the prestigious Brooklyn-Queens Championship for the first time. The team was coached by Finola Schmidt, with on-court leadership provided by Eileen Cole and Carolyn Dopman. This team has compiled a 28-2 record in the past two years.

The squad's drive to the championship was a total team effort. In order to win the elusive Brooklyn-Queens title, the team had to defeat a powerhouse in the form of St. Francis Prep. After winning the first game, the team lost the second confrontation. With the championship on the line, the Lady Falcons rose to the occasion and put down their opponents' challenge to win the title.

Although the team will be losing several key starters, they hope to be able to fill the gaps and defend their championship. Under the experienced leadership of Mr. Nash and his group of competent coaches, the entire athletic department hopes to follow the lead of these two teams and continue the tradition they have helped initiate.



Bishop Francis X. Ford, M.M.

FACULTY NOTES

Brother Michel Bettigole, O.S.F. was assistant chairman of the Middle States' team that evaluated Don Bosco Technical High School in Paterson, New Jersey last semester.

Mr. Joseph Mingrone has been appointed director of the Troupers, the drama club of St. Francis College.

Mr. Walter Polansky served on the Middle States' evaluating team that visited Oyster Bay High School last semester. He has been invited to act as a computer consultant for the Board of Education.

Mr. George McKay teaches courses such as "Freshman Composition," "Writing About Fiction" and "Introduction to Literature" at Pratt Institute two afternoons a week.

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Condolere: To Sorrow With

by Pat Santangelo

Bishop Francis Xavier Ford, M.M. was the sixth child in a family of eight. He was born into a family totally dedicated to the establishment of the American Catholic Church. Austin Ford, the father, was the editor of Catholic journals and also taught English. Mrs. Ford was a contributor to the Irish World. Francis Ford, therefore, acquired good literary talents.

Francis Ford was much like us. He was talented, better than average at track but not big enough for rough sports. One day at his parish church, Father Conrady repeated a theme that impressed 12-year-old Francis: "My one ambition is to die a martyr." Francis never forgot those words.

In 1912, Francis Ford joined the Catholic Foreign Mission Society (Maryknoll). Ford left for China in 1918. He was named head of a new mission in Kaying in 1925. 1935 saw Ford named Bishop. Bishop Ford then chose as his motto "condolere," meaning "to be sympathetic" or "to sorrow with."

Nothing was heard of the Bishop from 1949 until late 1952. It was discovered that Bishop Ford had been condemned by a "peoples' court" in Kaying. He was sentenced to a long term at a communist prison in Canton. Bishop Ford had to march through the streets, was beaten, made the object of insults, and egged. Bishop Ford died in February, 1952, after giving thirty-one years of his life to the Chinese. Bishop Ford fulfilled his ambition to die for a cause and was, therefore, a good example to his Maryknoll brothers. It was after this son of Brooklyn that Bishop Ford High School was named and originally staffed by the Franciscan Brothers.

A REGION OF CONTRASTS

by Martin Brennan

The region of the world known as the Middle East is famous for two things: religion and war. In direct contrast to one another, the area has produced two of the world's greatest religions, Christianity and Islam, while also managing to produce some of history's bloodiest conflicts on a fairly regular basis.

The present conflict centers around the tiny nation of Lebanon, its twelve sects, and the superpowers that wish to dominate it. As usual, the major players are the United States, backing Israel, and the Soviet Union, backing Syria.

President Reagan has deemed it necessary to send 1,600 marines to Beirut, along with forces from Italy, France, and England. According to President Reagan, the multinational force has three objectives: to support the fledgling Lebanese government's attempts to rebuild Lebanon, to help bring about the withdrawal of all foreign troops, and to bring peace a little closer to this embattled region. How we hope to accomplish any of these in a region that has been fighting since the days of Abraham is beyond comprehension.

The role of the marines has changed drastically since they were first sent to Beirut. They are being slowly pulled into a whirlpool of greater conflict. Although it is time to bring the marines home, we cannot withdraw them suddenly or unilaterally. If we were to do this, it would destroy our credibility among our friends and enemies. Countries would then realize that it is more profitable to support the Soviet Union than the United States.

The diplomatic route is long and tedious, and we cannot let our forces sit helplessly waiting for men such as Hafey Assad to see that elusive light of reason. We must actively seek a way to get the U.N. force, already in the region, to expand its role to include Beirut, thereby permitting the multinational force to withdraw. We could still support the Lebanese through the sixth fleet stationed offshore.

We must remember that, as a superpower and the recognized leader of the free world, we cannot run away from problems when they become too complicated. However, we must also be able to recognize when our resolve to dominate is interfering with the proper course of events we should be pursuing. Clearly the lives of 250 marines is a high price to pay for any country's interests. Let us hope that through diligence and common sense our leaders will insure that these brave lives were not lost in vain.

Student Spotlight:**STEPHANIE KIESZAK**

by Laura Allen

Stephanie Kieszak is one of this issue's student spotlight subjects. She is secretary of the National Honor Society, a member of **Pagoda Highpoint**, the Language Club, the Games Club, the Senior Activities Committee, and a senior leader. Also, Stephanie has been on the tennis team for three years. She practiced hard before the tennis season and placed first in a tournament at the Sunrise Racket Club.

This semester Stephanie's courses consist of Calculus, Analysis, Advanced Drawing,

Criminology and Major British Authors.

On the honor roll since freshman year, Stephanie wants to go to college and major in business. She has already applied to Harvard and New York University.

When **Highpoint** asked Stephanie what she would miss most about Bishop Ford, she replied, "I'll miss the wonderful gourmet lunches in the cafeteria, leaving my house at 7:00 a.m., and taking two buses through rain, sleet and snow. But most of all, I will miss my calculus class which has been the source of so much pleasure this year."

INQUIRING REPORTER

by Pat Santangelo

What is your favorite group or solo artist and why?

Ms. Sarnelle: "Judas Priest." "They sound great. I like heavy metal, I like black leather, and I like singers with blond hair."

Teresa Mariello, 407:

"Iron Maiden." "The music is great. They give a great concert. Everyone gets really rowdy!"

Rafaela Zabatta, 412:

"Twisted Sister." "They are so outrageous. They really get a crowd psyched up!"

Andrew Renna, 309:

"Ozzy Osbourne." "The way Ozzy acts on stage is crazy. His song, 'Crazy Train,' is my favorite."

Joseph Santanelli, 310:

"The Rolling Stones." "They are a group that changes with the times."

Barbara Savino, 310:

"Culture Club." "Their music has a great beat to it."

Mike (Luche) De Martino, 204:

"Rush." "Their music is really groovy."

Christine Raiola, 111

"Michael Jackson." "He's a good singer and a good dancer."

Berth Schebece, 212:

"Rolling Stones." "They're real good."

RAVING REPORTER

by The Roving Razukasman

The question: What kind of an animal would you like to be?

The answers:

"An otter." — Mr. Campanero
"A blue whale." — Boom-boom Selch, 411

"A black panther . . . they're fast and on the go all the time." — Mrs. Rollo

"A kitty. They're cute and soft and cuddly and . . ." — Michelle Mejia, 209

"A penguin." — Bob Grant, 305
"A race horse." — Josephine Consolo, 403

"A roach; it's a macho kind of bug." — John Comis, Jr., 203

"A black panther; it's sleek and sexy." — Ms. Sarnelle

THE HOT ONES

by Pat Santangelo

The Top 10 Videos:

- 1) Raiders of the Lost Ark
- 2) Tootsie
- 3) Flashdance
- 4) An Officer and a Gentleman
- 5) Monty Python's The Meaning of Life
- 6) Risky Business
- 7) Gandhi
- 8) Easy Money
- 9) Octopussy
- 10) 48 hrs.

Our Lady of Angels Teen Club will present the musical **BYE-BYE, BIRDIE** on March 30 & 31 and on April 1, 6, 7, & 8. Friday & Saturday performances will be at 8 P.M., & Sunday performances will be at 2:30 P.M. Tickets are \$4.50 and may be purchased from Mr. Anderson or from any of the cast members. Bishop Ford's own Scott Lombardi, James O'Neil, Mary Kilkenny and Brian Dolan will star in the production.

THE REAL LORRAINE SARNELLEby Chris Razukas,
Idol of Billions

This month's **Faculty Focus** zooms in on Ms. Lorraine Sarnelle. Who is she? Why is she here? What is she doing and where is she going? In my exclusive interview, I discovered that Ms. Sarnelle comes from Brooklyn and now resides in the Graves End area of Sheepshead Bay.

Ms. Sarnelle attended college at St. Francis, where she received a bachelor of science, and L.I.U., where she received a master's degree in cell biology. Ms. Sarnelle then went on to teach at a variety of schools, including St. John's Villa Academy, Long Island University, St. Francis College, and St. John the Baptist High School. Now at Ford, students are lucky enough to have Ms. Sarnelle for subjects ranging from Regents Biology to Life-Science.

During her leisure time, Ms. Sarnelle has hobbies as diverse as spending money, going to rock concerts, and travelling extensively. She also told me she has a successful business helping young women with **trousseaus** (that includes fine china, lead crystals, cookware, and imported cutlery) and works in a new business, having rock jackets painted.

Ms. Sarnelle says that she enjoys Heavy Metal music. Her favorite groups are Judas Priest, AC/DC, Def Leppard, Motley Crue, and T, and Trigger. Ms. Sarnelle's favorite radio station is 103.5 WAPP. Her favorite TV shows are Star Trek, The Twilight Zone and "any late-night horror flick." Ms. Sarnelle's favorite movies are **Gone With the Wind**, **Halloween 1 & 2**, **Star Trek II—The Wrath of Khan**, and the **Star Wars Saga**. Her favorite actors are Richard Hatch, Lee Horsley, and Robert Redford.

In conclusion, Ms. Sarnelle said she would like to see academics improve greatly, more religion taught, and student attitude toward studies improve.

OUR VALIANT LEADER

by Mark Crawford

I had the pleasure of interviewing another student spotlight subject, James O'Neil. James O'Neil is President of the Student Council and also Senior Class President. Other activities include the drama club, Pagoda, Senior Activities Council, and this year's Fun Run.

During the time he was in the drama club, James was in two plays, **Enter Laughing** and **George Washington Slept Here**; in each he was the male lead.

I asked James O'Neil what he likes best about Bishop Ford, and he replied, "It has good student-teacher relationships and also has a good atmosphere."

When asked what he will miss most about the Ford community, James said, "Friends and fun."

**Artists Sketch for Success**by Cesar J. Claro
and Audrey G. Cordero

Bishop Ford's 1983-84 school season represents the third consecutive year that the art department has offered courses to students interested in various areas of art. This year marked the induction of a new teacher, Miss Busiello, into the department. She and Mr. Turturro share the teaching duties.

The courses offered by the art department are Intermediate Drawing, for students who are not sure if they are interested in art but would like to try it, Advanced Drawing, for students going to college with the intention of majoring in art, and classes in both Painting and Photography, the latter being the most popular course offered by the department.

The department is well-equipped when it comes to photography. It boasts a large dark-room that has five black and white enlargers and one color enlarger.

Mr. Turturro has divided some of his classes up, so that he meets with each individual

class three days a week. His reason for this is, "To give the students more time on their own, so that they can become creative due to their own retrospective."

The classes have already gone on field trips this year to the Metropolitan Museum of Art, Central Park and Pratt Institute. It is at Pratt Institute that Mr. Turturro has his own art studio. He will have his M.F.A. (master's degree in fine art) by this spring.

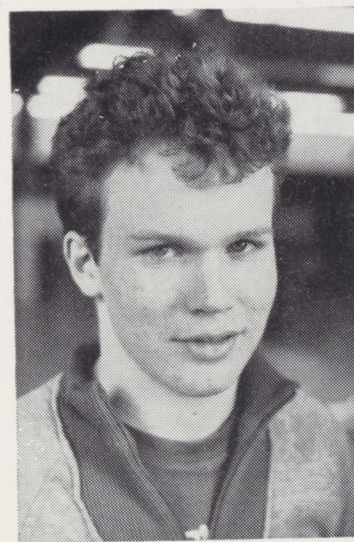
When asked what it is that motivates him to teach art, Mr. Turturro said, "There are only about ten genuinely interested students who keep me intrigued and who do motivate me."

From a student standpoint, Cathy Lau, a senior, summed up just about everyone's feelings about the art department when she commented, "The art program here at Ford is enlightening. Mr. Turturro and Ms. Busiello try their best to help serious art students find their own directions in art and their own perspectives as well."

AT THE MOVIESby The Courageous
Razukasman

Terms of Endearment is the story of two couples, Emma and Flap and Rora and Garret. Emma and Flap marry young, have kids, and have a perfect marriage that slowly deteriorates. Rora is Emma's mother. Garret is an astronaut. They fight each other to the last minute and you're never sure how the relationship will go.

This movie is fantastic. It deserves Best Picture from the Academy. All the acting here is superb; every one is at his peak. The directing is fantastic, the musical score exhilarating, and the script writing excellent. If you go only once to the movies this year, go to **Terms of Endearment**; it's worth it.



Student Council President James O'Neil.

His main interests in life include theatre and psychology. He wishes to attend Fordham if he stays home for college, or Adelphi or Hofstra if he goes away to college.

Bishop Ford's Senior-Faculty Superstar Game will take place on February 29 in the gym at dismissal.

SWIM TEAM MAKES WAVES

by Adam Siebor

The Bishop Ford swim team is swimming well under the leadership of Captain Joe Connaghan, Co-captain Adam Siebor, Coaches Al Huchatusear and Brian O'Neill, and Moderator Josephine Herman.

The team is composed of only five veterans: Joe Connaghan (the only senior), Adam Siebor, Ed Quintero (juniors), Felipe Pantoja and Jimmy Fabricatore (sophomores). The freshmen squad includes: Jimmy Shashaty, John Mackay, Kevin Kronke, John Domo, Vin Astorino, Kevin Cottingham, James Mangan, and Richard Green. The rest of the team is made up of Kevin Brennan, Ed Haber, Ed Morrissey and Jack Halaby.

Although the season is virtually over, a few invitational meets and the all-important championships remain on the schedule. The team won an important victory against Tolentine as a result of its talent and hard work. The team hopes to use these characteristics to achieve new heights in the future. The people to watch are Jim Shashaty (100 backstroke), Jim Fabricatore (100 butterfly), Adam Siebor (500 freestyle), and John Mackay and Felipe Pantoja in the breaststroke and 100 freestyle, respectively. The team also has a strong relay squad. Two swimmers, Jim Shashaty and Jim Fabricatore, have a good chance of qualifying for the Swimming Nationals to be held in Pennsylvania.

Practices are held at Brooklyn College; if anyone is interested in diving or swimming for the team, please contact Adam Siebor or Miss Herman.

BOYS' TRACK: A DEMANDING SPORT

by Beth Schebece

Track and field is a very demanding sport. Most people do not realize that to be on the track team means giving up most of your time and energy to workouts and races, practicing seven days a week. Track is one of the only sports that runs throughout the entire school year, with races every week. A person must be dedicated and willing to work for the team.

Although not much has been heard from the track team this season, they are doing very well for themselves, winning medals at most every meet. Therefore, I would like to take this opportunity to focus on some of the exceptional runners who make up the team.

Two of the best seniors are STEVE WARD and NEIL LANZETTA, both on varsity, making up half of the two-mile relay, often hitting between 1:58 and 2:03 for a half mile.

ROB TAPS and LOU MALIZIOSO are two very impressive juniors. They are the only juniors on varsity and will probably be the lead seniors next year.

The sophomore, two-mile relay is also doing very well. They are always in the top three teams of their heat. It consists of lead-off man JASON GONZALES, who can be counted on to give the team a good start, second leg RANDY ANDERSON, who moves up to take the lead, third leg DANNY SILVA, who keeps the lead and hands off to anchor man TONY CUIN, who sprints in to win a medal. They have a good chance to win the sophomore, two-mile relay in the City Champs for the indoor season. The sophomores feel that they can be the future, varsity, two-mile relay.

Another sophomore who should be mentioned is ROB MILLER. Right now he is one of the best sprinters on the team, hitting between 50 and 51 seconds for a quarter mile. He is especially good at running the 300 yard dash, and recently broke a record of the Catholic High Schools of Brooklyn and Queens.

The boys' track team hopes to qualify for the Penn relays later on this year. Congratulations for all that has been done, and good luck in future meets!

Sportlight:

PETER GOYCO

by Brian Coughlan

For four years, Peter Goyco has worked to make Bishop Ford a better place. Besides being one of Ford's student-elected presidential advisers, he has spent so much time in the gym that you might call it his second home. Peter has been the varsity basketball manager for three years and has become a great asset to our athletic director and varsity basketball coach, Mr. Nash. Mr. Nash had this to say about Peter: "Peter Goyco is one of the hardest workers and most dedicated students that has ever come to Bishop Ford. His contribution to the athletic department is a fine example for all students to follow. His unselfish commitment to Bishop Ford athletics has made life easier for everyone. He deserves the praise and admiration of his fellow students."

It may sound like he has no time for any other activities, but Peter is a vital part of our Student Council and our Senior Activities Committee. He also helps out elementary students in his parish of Holy Name, and is a senior leader for our freshmen. Peter has an 85% average and has applied to Syracuse, Hofstra, Stonybrook, and American International College. Peter hopes to go into communications and/or political science, but would like to keep his association with basketball.

Peter has enjoyed his four years at Bishop Ford because of the many friends he has made through the years. He feels that these have been some of the best years in his life.

We are thankful for Peter Goyco's efforts at Bishop Ford and we are sure, whatever college Peter decides to go to, he will leave his mark there, too.

FRESHMEN CHARGE INTO PLAYOFFS

by Glenn Butler

This year's freshmen basketball team is said to be one of the finest freshmen teams Ford has ever assembled. The team had a few early-season, heart-breaking defeats, but they're playing their type of game now.

Mr. Bellino is the coach of this year's strong freshmen team. Coach Bellino calls all of the plays, both offensive and defensive, from the bench. The team's biggest offensive asset is the fast-break. On the other end of the court they play a tough zone defense.

Let me now introduce the team. Here's Coach Bellino's usual starting lineup: starting at the guard positions are Anthony Marckle and Vince Jackson. Anthony and Vince are equally good on offense and defense. These two guys, along with Harry Gordon, are probably the team's strong point. Harry Gordon is an over-powering center who blocks a lot of shots and grabs a significant amount of rebounds, and that is why the team nicknamed Harry "Crazy Glue." The two forwards are Mike Yanacco and Nick Meyer. These two forwards are gifted with the ability to dribble around the opposition and leave them wondering why they even showed up. The backup team is as good, if not better, than most of the other starting Catholic school teams in the league. Tom McFee is the most frequently used of the back-up team. Tom is a good rebounder and is hard to stop once he starts his drive to the hoop. Bobby Cooper has a deadly shot and Brian Leary can handle the ball as well as any one of the starting five. The other members of this year's team are Mark Jabir, Dom Procmilo, John Robinson and Jason Prussing.



Freshmen battle for the rebound.

GIRLS WIN LUDDEN TOURNAMENT

by Josephine Halkias

The true colors of Bishop Ford's girls' basketball team came out when they demolished St. John's Prep. at Syracuse by the score of 52-26. For this miraculous win, each girl on the team was awarded a trophy.

Despite a 3 and 6 record, they seem more consistent. As a team they feel much more confident, and since they

have such a good offense and defense, they feel they can work together and succeed.

With six games left to the finals, they must pursue and surpass the first place Bishop Ludden.

This goal seems within reach with the exceptional coaching of Miss Schmidt, along with fine Captains Eileen Cole, Carol Dopman, Caroline Barna, and the rest of the team.

Lady Falcons Capture Championship

by Carolyn Dopman

Success at last! This year the Bishop Ford sports program is one to be proud of.

Last year the girls' varsity volleyball team captured the Brooklyn Championship. This year the girls went out looking once again to make the playoffs. "All we wanted to do was to go out there to play volleyball and have fun," said senior starter Carolyn Barna.

The girls did a fine job in capturing the Brooklyn-Queens title, thanks to the fine coaching of Mrs. Finola Schmidt.

In the final match at the championship, Bishop Ford went up against Saint Francis Prep., the defending Brooklyn-Queens champions. "We

didn't have anything to lose," said senior Roe Mazzone. In the first game, Ford came out strong to beat the Prep 15-5. In the second match, the Prep. meant business. They came out ready to play and they won the second game 15-10. In the third and final game it was pure desire as the game went point-for-point until the very end. Finally, after going into extra points, the Lady Falcons slipped past St. Francis 17-15, thanks to the fine play of Captains Roe Mazzone, Carolyn Dopman and Eileen Cole, and the consistent playing of Carolyn Barna, Kathy Rossiter and Eleanor Fabian.

The girls went to the state playoffs where they captured third place.

The Franciscan Brothers would like to invite junior and senior boys interested in learning about Franciscanism and the Franciscan way of life to the next Vocation Awareness Weekend to be held at Saint Francis Center in Oyster Bay. The dates are March 16-18. For more information, please see Brother Damian or Brother Justin.

Looking for the Answer

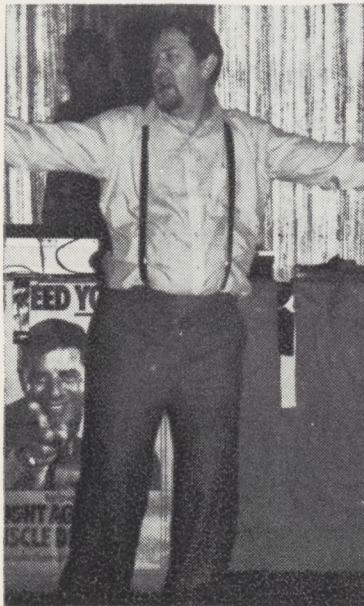
by Domenick Bufano

Coach Piselli has once again put together a basketball team that merits respect around the junior circuit. The j. v. basketball team at Bishop Ford has been struggling, but has played exciting basketball, making great efforts each minute and never letting up until the final whistle.

Mr. Piselli cannot explain the reason for the team's record. "We have had the opportunity to win," he said, "and have played tough against Xaverian, Holy Cross, Farrell, and Fordham Prep, but we came up on the short

side." Perhaps with a little more experience the team will turn around and become a contender. Neil Gouldsberry, star forward, has been playing outstanding basketball and is rated among the top j. v. players in the city; he plans to play college basketball on the way to the pros.

Keep your chin up and your spirits high, J.V. FALCONS, statistics don't tell the whole story. Your effort and sportsmanship will make BISHOP FORD proud of the team that Mr. Piselli is nurturing with his skill, patience and dedication.



Brother Zorba

